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LOCAL NEWS

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Mrs. Harrison S. Thayer, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. P. Thayer, returned to her home in Essex Junction Thursday.

Miss Marion Brooks, Dolly Magoon, Beryl Cram and Helen Woodard, among others, spent last week at Montpelier Seminary, attending the annual Epworth League institute.

Miss Jean B. Pinney of Montpelier was a guest of friends in town over Sunday.

L. M. Munson has purchased a new even-passenger Buick of Smith & Elliottson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson, Mrs. Clara Bradley Niles and W. K. Jackson spent several days the past week at the Jackson cottage at Lake Umbagog.

Miss Katherine Stewart was in Burlington recently to attend the graduation of her sister, Miss Hazel Stewart, and also visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fulington.

Miss Nina Michaelson of Dorlington, Wis., and Miss Eva Murley of Hulsburg, Wis., are spending a few days at A. H. Slayton's on their way to attend summer school at Columbia University.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Pinney and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Blanca, Colo., arrived last Friday by automobile for an indefinite stay with the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pinney, on Congress street.

STOWE

Mr. and Mrs. Orra Marshall have moved to Waterbury.

Miss Alice Trudeau of Waterbury visiting at H. H. Shackett's.

Mrs. W. D. Pangle is able to be out after a ten days' illness.

Mrs. Davis of Salem, Mass., is a summer visitor at W. B. Gale's.

M. C. Riley returned Thursday on a business trip to Montpelier.

Many farmers began haying last week, but the heavy rains suspended operations.

John Boardman of the U. V. M. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Boardman.

A. P. Bigelow of Middlesex and Hartford, Conn., called on friends in town last week.

The linoleum for the floors at the community church were laid last week and looks fine.

Mrs. C. M. Bugbee and children of Springfield are visiting her sister, Mrs. F. S. Boardman, and family.

The Misses Verna Stockman and Ruby Bull and Mrs. L. N. Miner are assisting at Buzzell's store during the sale.

Owen, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hale, had the misfortune to break one arm by falling while at play last week.

Mrs. Anna Kimball of Simsbury, Conn., came last week to visit her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simmons.

Mrs. Eunice Pottle went Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. S. C. Heeler, in Waterbury.

The Stowe Civic Club presented Robert Rawlinson in "The Millionaire" Saturday evening.

Mrs. Charles Hamel has returned to Waterbury after passing several weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. Shephard.

Mrs. Lola B. Douglass, who has been chosen assistant adviser of the W. C. A., left Friday for two weeks' camping at Malletts Bay.

At a special meeting of Mansfield Mountain Grange last week the third and fourth degrees were conferred on Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ravlin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Johnson and sons, Conrad and Richard, of Brattleboro are visiting Mrs. Johnson's mother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Strand.

Herman J. Foster, accompanied by Mrs. Foster and daughter, Gloria, and Mrs. Pleny A. Vendle and children, Irene, Artemas and Marjorie, stopped to Montpelier one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Camley and Mrs. Ernest Sanborn attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Smalley's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elster Moulton, at Montpelier, recently.

Miss Anna Griggs, who has returned to North Troy after visiting Rev. and Mrs. Hayward and Mr. and Mrs. Brand, has been engaged as a teacher at the People's Academy at Morrisville for the coming school year.

There was a large attendance at a home demonstration meeting last week when the agent demonstrated milk and egg dishes which were served with the luncheon at noon. A glass cooker was made in the afternoon.

Miss Hildegard Smalley, who was graduated recently from the New York State Normal school at Plattsburgh and is passing her vacation at her mother, Mrs. Mary Smalley, has a position as teacher in Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Miss Katherine Smalley has completed her first year studies at Plattsburgh and is at home for the summer.

She is assisting her mother in caring for her aunt, Mrs. Gracia Tomlinson, who remains about the same after a shock.

Announcements have been received of the marriage on June 22 at Cambridge, Mass., of Miss Dorothea Cummings, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Cummings, formerly of Stowe, and Joe Van Roytan Shepard. Mrs. Shepard was a graduate of Stowe high school in the class of 1919.

Mrs. F. M. Barnes of Richford, who passed a couple of days with her niece, Mrs. Alva Magoon, went Friday to Burlington on her way to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. George White returned last week from Burlington, where Mr. White had two operations on his right ankle at the Mary Fletcher hospital. Mr. White is on crutches and will not be able to use the foot for some time, but it is thought the cause of the trouble has been removed and that recovery will be made. It was found to be a disease of the flesh and skin instead of the bone, as has been feared.

Dr. Solon Rodney Towne of Omaha, Neb., who has been a guest at the Green Mountain Inn while re-visiting his native town, left last week on his return to Omaha. Dr. Towne is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Towne, whose tragic deaths, when both were thrown from a carriage, is well remembered here. Mr. Towne built the large house on Pleasant street, now owned by Mrs. Lydie Sargent.

"The Adventures of Grandpa," recently given here for the benefit of the Moscow Busy Bee Club, was repeated with much success at Waterbury Center Wednesday evening of last week. A large number of people from Moscow and Stowe attended. Miss Florence Austin, who came from Essex to take part in the play, was accompanied home Thursday by Miss Nellie George. Miss Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fisher, who came with Miss Austin, returned to Essex Wednesday night after the play.

Harry R. Perkins, instructor in mechanical engineering at the Maine State University at Orono, and Mrs. Perkins and little son, Lee, and Clayton Sawyer, a student at the university, left for Orono last week Wednesday after visiting Mrs. Perkins' sister, Mrs. Clyde Horner, and children. Mrs. Perkins' mother, Mrs. Agnes MacDougal, of Quincy, Mass., who accompanied the party to Stowe, returned to Quincy last week. The trip from Maine was made by automobile and the party expected to reach Portland on their return Wednesday night.

George Moulton visited at Mark Shaw's last week on his way from Holland to Proctorsville, where he will be employed by his father during haying.

The Stowe Military Band gave an open air concert Thursday evening. The last of the music was well sprinkled by the heavy thunder storm of the evening.

Mrs. J. G. Marston and daughter, Miss Cleona Marston, who visited friends in Jericho recently, were accompanied home by Miss Della Austin, who will pass several days at the Marston home.

The "Willing Helpers" Community Club held an ice cream social at the North Hollow schoolhouse Wednesday evening of last week, realizing \$7.00. The meeting of the club on July 13 will be held with Mrs. A. J. MacGibbon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barrows and son, Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Barrows and family, who motored to Sugar Hill, N. H., Friday, were accompanied by the Misses Alice Barrows, Gertrude Clark, Hazel Oakes and John and Lewis Reor, who have employment at Hotel Look-Off for the summer. Miss Ethel MacGibbon, who has employment at the same hotel, left Friday.

Gifts to Stowe Free Library

Mrs. Henry Holt of New York City, Prof. Henry Taber and daughter, Miss Dorothea, of Worcester, Mass., who have been guests at the Green Mountain Inn for three weeks while arranging for the disposal of the household belongings of the late Mrs. C. F. Taber, mother of Mrs. Holt and Professor Taber, have finished their work and have returned to their homes. About 50 books and a large collection of pictures were given to the Stowe Free Library. A large and beautiful vase of "old Bohemian" glass, much prized by Mrs. Taber, was given as a memorial to Mrs. Taber and has been placed in a show case in the Soldiers' Memorial hall. The books include works of fiction, agriculture, botany, science, travel and other subjects.

Reception to Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Bacon

A very pleasant social event was the reception given Thursday evening at the Community Church parlors to the Rev. and Mrs. Miles E. Bacon of Bridgewater, who have been here to attend the rededication of the church. A heavy thunder-shower during the evening kept many away, but about 80 were present. The gathering was entirely informal. Warden and Mrs. H. W. Ravlin acted as the welcoming committee. President A. R. Straw called the meeting to order and spoke in appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Bacon's work for the church, of which Mr. Bacon was founder and first pastor. Mr. Ravlin offered prayer. L. I. Harris and H. E. Shaw told of the progress the society has made. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon responded, telling of the pleasure their visit to Stowe had given them. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Agnes Jenney, Mrs. Reenie McMahon and Mrs. Alice Lovejoy were the committee in charge, and were assisted by a group of girls in serving. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have been entertained at L. I. Harris', M. C. Lovejoy's, C. A. Tomlinson's, A. R. Straw's, Mrs. Lydia Sargent's and other places during their stay here. They returned to Bridgewater Friday.

Prize Essay No. 1

The following is one of the Prize Essays by pupils of P. A. and was so good many asked us to print it in full.—Ed.

The Price of Success

By Aldelena Raymond

On a late August afternoon, 35 years ago, an overgrown country boy of 15, trudging behind a plow with the reins across his shoulders, decided that he was going to become a railroad president.

This decision was a second step in the flight of stairs which the boy was soon to start climbing in real earnest. Five years earlier, he had definitely decided to become a general passenger agent.

Later in life, after years of railroad work, the boy was destined to make another decision. This time he hitched to his star a steamship—and this dream of his maturer life was to come true.

Today the one-time farmer boy directs the operation of the largest fleet on the Pacific Ocean—with every ship sailing under the American flag. He is Ancil F. Haines, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Steamship Company, otherwise known as "The Admiral Line."

Mr. Haines was very ambitious, otherwise he would not have succeeded as he did. He never lost courage and by being courageous he stuck to everything he tried to do.

Ancil F. Haines says: "To me, success does not mean wealth. Wealth often goes hand in hand with it—but that is incidental. Success is an accomplishment—constructive production, productive construction, put it which way you will. It comes from creating something, whether an ocean liner, or a book, or a business, or an improved kind of mouse trap. It adds to the general happiness or comfort or understanding. In this kind of accomplishment, chance is a small factor."

"Ability is really competence, which, in turn, is the power to compete with others. Men must be able to compete, to be successful. Closely allied with this is knowledge of the business; for few men can successfully engage in the retail business unless they know their merchandise and modern methods of merchandising."

All who know Edward M. Skinner will agree that he is a shrewd judge of what he calls "characteristics." He has worked his way up from office boy to general manager of Wilson Brothers, the largest wholesalers of general furnishings for men.

Skinner saw the same opportunity that the great life insurance companies have recently discovered. Today, men who take out insurance are required to call frequently for examination and advice. The insurance companies find that they can reduce insurance losses materially by taking care of their policyholders.

In the same way, Skinner saw the chance to insure himself against credit losses by making certain that his customers do not die a business death. He analyzed the causes of business failure and found that 35 percent of all failures were the result of incompetence as against 31 percent caused by lack of capital.

So he placed competence, which includes character, above capital. I find that it is not only the people of today who have succeeded in life, but there are people in the ancient times who have also won fame. Let us turn to Demosthenes. He was one of the world's greatest orators. I find that perseverance helped him to succeed.

Demosthenes as a child was the last boy one would ever have dreamed would become an orator. He stammered, his voice was weak, his breath short, he could not pronounce the letter "r." He was awkward, he hunched up his left shoulder continuously, and when he became excited or interested he twisted his face into all sorts of queer shapes. Nevertheless, he was determined to become a great orator.

There seemed to be but little hope that he would ever reach his goal, but he was made of too good stuff to give up. He built an underground study, to which he would go to exercise his voice and practice gestures. To break up his stammering he spoke with pebbles in his mouth. To strengthen his voice, he declaimed on the seashore, trying his best to be heard over the tumult of the ocean. He learned to control his breath by delivering speeches while scrambling up steep and rugged hills. He hung a naked sword so that the least movement of his left shoulder would result in a prick. He practiced before a mirror to overcome the habit of twisting or distorting his face. He even learned to pronounce the letter "r" correctly. With all this he did not forget to pay more attention than ever to the composition of his orations. Demosthenes became such a speaker that for 2,000 years he has stood among the greatest orators of the world.

But how can this true success be obtained? What are the secrets of success that mature and prominent men offer, from their own history and observations, to young men, to save them the necessity of learning them all in the hard school of experience?

Dr. Dexter, chief editor of the Congregationalist, gives three secrets of success: "First, to get all and keep all in position; second, patience, to master all details; third, perseverance, to carry all through."

A prominent Brooklyn manufacturer gives these conditions of success: "Sterling integrity as God's steward; strict attention to business; do what you undertake to do; punctuality; secrecy."

A Chicago editor gives the following helps to success: "Early to bed, early to rise; plain food; good conscience; good humor; honest work; self-help; and prayer."

One man attributes his success to his promptness, to be always ten minutes ahead at his appointments.

Promptness in seizing opportunities is yet more important. "The art of getting rich," says Emerson, "consists not in industry, much less in

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Several years ago Mr. H., a nurseryman in New York State, left home for a day or two. It was rainy weather, and not the season for sales, but a customer arrived from a distance, tied his horse, and found his way to the kitchen of the farmhouse, where two of Mr. H.'s sons were cracking nuts.

"Mr. H. at home?"

"No, sir," said Joe, the eldest, hammering at a nut.

"When will he be back?"

"Dunno, sir. Mebbe not for a week."

The other boy, Jim, jumped up and followed the man out. "The men are not here, but I can show you the stock," he said, with such a bright, courteous manner that the stranger, who was a little irritated, stopped, and followed him through the nursery, examined the trees and left his order.

"You have sold the largest bill that I have had for this season, Jim," said the father, greatly pleased, on his return.

"I'm sure," said Joe, sullenly, "I'm as willing to help as Jim, if I'd thought in time."

A few years afterward Mr. H. died and left the boys with only two or three hundred dollars each. Joe bought with his share an acre or two near home. The land was poor, the crops scanty, the market low. He has worked hard and faithfully, but he is still a poor, discontented man. Jim bought a ticket to go to Colorado, accepted a position as cattle driver for a couple of years, with his wages bought land at 40 cents an acre, built himself a house and married. His herds of cattle are numbered by the thousand, his land has been cut up for town lots, and he is ranked as one of the wealthiest men in the state.

The difference between these two brothers, and between the successful and unsuccessful men generally is the difference between seizing or missing opportunities.

In Andrew Carnegie's life I have found a wonderful example of success. He realized that the country had helped him and by this realization he assumed many responsibilities toward his country.

The most general expression of his benefactions was through the library fund whereby he made it possible for thousands of cities and villages to have free public libraries of their own.

He says: "I believe the true road to pre-eminent success in any line is to make yourself master in that line. I have no faith in the policy of scattering one's resources, and in my experience I have rarely if ever met a man who achieved pre-eminence in money-making—certainly never one in manufacturing—who was interested in many concerns. The men who have succeeded are men who have chosen one line and stuck to it. It is surprising how few men appreciate the enormous dividends derivable from industry in their own business. They are scarcely a manufacturer in a world who has not in his work some machinery that should be thrown out and replaced by improved appliances; or who does not for the want of additional machinery or new methods lose more than sufficient to pay the largest dividend obtainable by investment beyond his own domain."

"My advice to young men would not be only to concentrate their whole time and attention on the one business in life in which they engage, but to put every dollar of their capital into it."

Success means the creditable accomplishment of whatever task one has to do. It is the result of sincere and honest toil. Its reward is the satisfaction—satisfaction that time, energy and intelligence have been directed in the right channels.

EDEN

The Wescom school closed June 24 with literary exercises in the afternoon. The pupils having no absent marks for the spring term were Christie Wescom, Fred Warren, Catherine Warren, Emily Hayford and Jacob Hayford. Emily Hayford and Jacob Hayford have had perfect attendance for the entire year.

Only a dozen Civil War veterans were present at the reunion of the Fifteenth Vermont Regiment at St. Johnsbury on Wednesday, June 21. The youngest present was 76 and the oldest veteran was George Gilman of Danville, 81.

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